

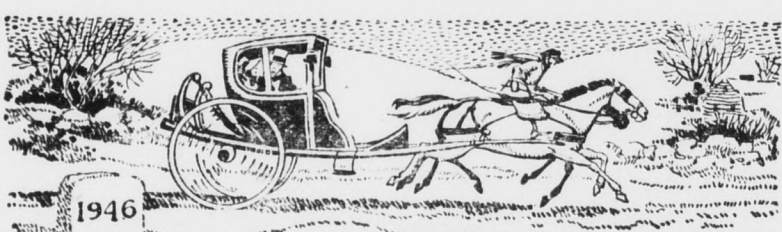


1946 GREETINGS
from
St. Nicholas

Have you ever thought of Christmas as a birthday party—a birthday party that goes all over the world at once? That is why Christmas is so joyous! Everybody is a participant in this big, grand, world-wide party, with Santa Claus the host!

And here we are, on the Eve of Christmas, sending you our very best wishes for a joyous time at this great Birthday Party.

QUALITY GROCERY
J. W. MARTIN Appomattox, Va.



Merry Christmas
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Styles change, methods change, but Christmas—never! Beneath it all is the same old love of man for his folks and his neighbors, the same old dream of the day when peace and good will encompass all the earth.

So now in that changeless season of Christmas we greet our friends and neighbors, as so often before, with that timeless message of cheer and good fellowship, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Natural Beauty Salon
Rosa Mae Woodridge - Mrs. Floyd Mitchell



JOYOUS YULETIDE

Here's wishing that the light of the season's cheer will glow through all you do, adding greatly to your Christmas happiness.

Moses Motor Co.
Virginia State Dealers License No. 3 Appomattox, Va.



1946 Carefree HOLIDAY SEASON

Right now it's time to lay aside business cares and all that is complicated and get down to simple things. A little boy on the floor under the Christmas tree watching his electric train whiz past, the happy faces of little girls singing Christmas carols, boys coasting down the hill. Let's catch that spirit! Merry Christmas to you, and you, and you!

HAROLD SPENCER
DRUGGIST Appomattox, Va.



CHRISTMAS WISHES
by the
THOUSAND

we send to all our friends this Yule Season of 1946. May yours be indeed a MERRY CHRISTMAS

J. C. HUDGINS
Furniture & Home Furnishings
Appomattox, Va.



MAKE GOOD CHEER FOR

One need not be told it is Christmastime. The glowing faces of friend and stranger alike bespeak it. It gives us the same thrill as of old to wish all our friends, and those who are still to become our friends, a very Merry Christmas.

FARMERS NATIONAL BANK
Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
APPOMATTOX VIRGINIA



MERRY MERRY Christmas
MAY TRUE HAPPINESS IN ALL ITS FULLNESS BE YOURS THIS CHRISTMASTIME

JENKINS
"The Economy Store"
Appomattox, Va.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
and thanks
CHRISTMAS IS A TIME WHEN OLD LOYALTIES ARE NOT ONLY STRENGTHENED BUT REMEMBERED. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIDENCE IN US, AND HOW EARNESTLY WE WISH FOR YOU A VERY JOYOUS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

Main Street Service Station
CLARENCE H. GOBLE, Mgr.
Appomattox, Va.

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS



Glad thoughts
And special wishes
Are happily combined
To make this
Christmas Greeting
The warmest kind.

INGE'S DEPARTMENT STORE
APPOMATTOX, VIRGINIA

Christmas is the one great event that transcends the bounds of any one country and embraces the whole world. In much the same way there is no limit or bounds to our good wishes for you for a Merry Christmas.



Appomattox Hardware Co., Inc.
Exclusive Hardware & Implement Dealers
ONE TO APPOMATTOX, VA.



Old Fashioned Christmas Greetings
1946
For us oldsters, it is memory that makes up Christmas—memories of the old days when grandma managed the Christmas feast, and friends dropped in for a chat. We are happy to say that among our most treasured memories are the many Christmas celebrations we have seen come and go, and the friends we have kept with us during all the years. A Merry Christmas to all of you!

A. T. INGE



Old Fashioned Yuletide Greetings
It isn't always stylish to be old fashioned, but there are times when it's very genuine—and Christmas is one of them. Yes, folks, we wish you an old fashioned Christmas this year... the best one of them all

LEE THEATRE
Lee Theatre Taxi

We adults can learn much from our children—learn how to celebrate Christmas well. Let us turn back the clock this Christmas season of 1946 and get out of Christmas all the joys that children know when they hang their stockings up.

All together now for a big, glorious Christmas, topped off with our best wishes to all of you.



J. E. SEARS & CO.



Season's best to our friends
How well we remember those old Fashioned Christmas dinners—father at one end of the table; mother at the other end, and the children in between, wondering if father would ever get done carving the turkey. And what mince pies! Wouldn't you like a Christmas like that this year of 1946? We hope that your Christmas is as much like that as the changing times will permit, and that all the joys of the old days will abound.

Appomattox Restaurant
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Waller



JOIN WITH US

Let us toss our cares out the window. It's Christmas! Join with us in celebrating the glorious holiday.

And Merry Christmas TO YOU

HUNTER LUMBER CO.

Hodening Horse Of British Isles

Strange miracle plays were always intrinsic parts of the holiday season in the British Isles and in many such traditional performances, one of the characters rode a grotesque hobby horse. Gradually, the horse assumed the characteristics of a star performer and in time, stepping out of the play altogether, began going from house to house—expecting hospitality, after frightening families half out of their wits. Of course, the Hodening Horse was no ordinary horse; two boys, covered with sheets and a horse blanket, usually supplied his vitality; his wooden head was hideously carved with gouged eyes, hob-nail teeth, etc. The boys manipulated strings to make the teeth clank, etc., and sometimes placed a lighted candle in the hollow of the head to make the mouth seem to belch forth flames.

In Wales, it was customary for the Hodening Horse to recite long extemporaneous verses: if the Horse outwitted his host, he was invited in for cakes and cider. A less witty procedure was followed in some rural communities and along lonely roads: wealthy citizens and travelers were attacked by unknown Hodening Horses who demanded "fines" from their victims.

Open Air "Festas" Vs. Santa Claus

Santa Claus has firmly entrenched himself in the hearts of Brazilian youngsters, although his traditional chimney had to be abandoned—very few homes being equipped with such things, and it never occurs to the small fry that it might be fun to spy on Santa; the children beg to stay up, of course, hoping to participate in the grown-up festivities and perhaps accompany their parents to midnight mass. Since it really is June in January south of the equator, Christmas in Brazil is a midsummer festival. Midnight mass on Christmas Eve is celebrated with greater or lesser pomp throughout the land, preceded by dancing "festas" and gala late suppers.

Coal Miner Is Prized by Reds

He Gets Best of Housing and Living Conditions Under Soviet Regulations.

KADIEVKA, UKRAINE.—The Donets basin coal miner is a valuable man in the Soviet Union's economy, and the state knows it. He gets the best rations, housing, entertainment and general living conditions that his mine, backed by the Communist party organization and the government, can provide. A group of touring foreign correspondents from Moscow met scores of miners at coal mine 3-B18, which was described as a typical Donets basin mine. It is situated at Kadievka, 40 miles south of Voroshilovgrad. Director Mikhail Ageev said the Germans had flooded the mine, but it had been pumped out after its recapture, in November, 1943.

Coal Production. Coal production is expected to begin late this year, and by 1950 is expected to reach one million tons annually. Prewar output was 600,000 tons.

A heavy-set fellow named Sergei A. Stepanovich said that he considered himself and his son, Ivan, average miners at these diggings. Sergei, 44, is a tunnel cutter. His father was a tunnel cutter when the mine was opened in 1911. Ivan works on props which keep shafts from caving in. A tunnel cutter's daily norm is one and a half meters. He receives 40 rubles (\$8 at the diplomatic rate of exchange) daily for meeting the norm, plus bonuses for exceeding it, in an elaborate pay structure designed to give incentive under socialist competition. He works six days a week.

Mine Builds Homes. Sergei is a member of a trade union. The union has representatives on a grievance committee. Sergei lives in a year-old house constructed by the mine to replace houses destroyed by Germans. His wife, Ivan and a younger son live with him. The house contains a large room and a kitchen. The monthly rent is four rubles. This is practically living rent-free.

The miner does not expect his wages to remain long at their current level of about 1,000 rubles a month. Once he has returned underground, he expects to earn twice that, with payments for overfulfillment.

Ivan has lower wage prospects than his father in his job. When Sergei reaches 55 he can retire on 70 per cent of his actual averaged earnings, including premiums. If he remains on the job he will continue to draw full pay.

Miners are exempt from taxes. If a miner agrees to leave his village, his family can continue to occupy his quarters and can keep any private livestock or other personal possessions.

Senator Taft to seek chairmanship of Senate Labor Committee.



HAPPIEST CHRISTMAS OF ALL 1946

Kind remembrances at Christmastime.
May the Christmas of 1946 be among the most joyous you have ever known.

HALEY'S STORE
Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Haley and Sons
APPOMATTOX, VIRGINIA



Merry Christmas
The story behind Christmas is one that has given the Yule holiday force and direction for over a thousand years. Hearts are made over on this day. It gives us great pleasure during this holy season to extend our best Christmas wishes to all our friends.

MRS. C. W. SMITH
Insurance
APPOMATTOX, VA.



Merry Christmas
SINCERE GOOD WISHES for a delightful holiday season from the store that friendship built.

J. THOS. ALMOND
THE TOWN STORE
Appomattox, Va.